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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,166 crashes as compared to 1,264 crashes in August 2007. The total crashes decreased by 7.8% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 40.0%, this equates to 4 fewer fatal crashes in August 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified no change in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last August. Of the 67 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 15 resulted in injuries, no fatalities and the remaining 51 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.5% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,215 crash reports in August. This resulted in 6,129 crash reports being mailed out, 49.6% more than last August. There were 1,003 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 20.7% when compared to August 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,264 CAD incidents and 36,519 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by -1.6% in August 2008, as compared to August 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down -3.6% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased by -7.3% as compared to last year. Total arrests increased 2%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 33.9% and its other citations by 85% as compared to last August. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 7% compared to last year. This resulted in 79 vehicles and 43 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services

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## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August-08	August-07	% Change	July-08	% Change
Total crashes	1166	1264	-7.8%	1077	8.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	854	950	-10.1%	783	9.1%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	306	304	0.7%	288	6.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6	10	-40.0%	6	0.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	53	55	-3.6%	36	47.2%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7	11	-36.4%	7	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	4	-75.0%	3	-66.7%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	0	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	67	67	0.0%	57	-28.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	51	54	-5.6%	44	-43.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	15	12	25.0%	13	23.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 5%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.7%
- ✱ Total crashes down 7.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes remained the same with no change from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 40% as compared to last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	August-08		August-07	% Change		July-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	53		55	-3.6%		36	47.2%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	178		192	-7.3%		167	6.6%
Other arrests	1255		877	43.1%		877	43.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	414		406	2.0%		383	8.1%
Speed violations	4156		4084	1.8%		4627	-10.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2155		2308	-6.6%		2224	-3.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	424		631	-32.8%		721	-41.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	11504		11697	-1.6%		12110	-5.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	79		59	33.9%		96	-17.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	320		173	85.0%		343	-6.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	745		696	7.0%		946	-21.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	23		0	2300.0%		9	155.6%
Total safety violations -- citation	346		315	9.8%		418	-17.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1374		1493	-8.0%		1654	-16.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	79		138	-42.8%		93	-15.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	43		57	-24.6%		58	-25.9%
Total school buses inspected	372		297	25.3%		253	47.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	35		26	34.6%		26	34.6%
Total trucks weighed	1005		516	94.8%		1226	-18.0%
Total overweight citations	14		45	-68.9%		57	-75.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	602		697	-13.6%		749	-19.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	4		17		8
Safety Violations Citation	10		3		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		21		12
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		0		1
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		3		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.13%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 29 years old.
- ✱ .008% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ .04% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	August 2008	August 2007	% Change	July 2008	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	344,236	445,200	-22.7%	361,,865	-4.9%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,706,393	877,878	94.4%	1,802,577	-5.3%
CAD Incidents	25264	26868	-6.0%	27,094	-6.8%
Telephone Calls	36519	39989	-8.7%	36,076	1.2%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	N/A	26	N/A	57	N/A
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1,215	1,267	-4.1%	1,164	4.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	482	375	28.5%	511	-5.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	22	38	-42.1%	24	-8.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	110	135	-18.5%	135	-18.5%
Visitors at Counter	1,003	831	20.7%	756	32.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,129	4,097	49.6%	5,863	4.5%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	646	837	-22.8%	855	-24.4%
Warrants Entered	376	265	41.9%	396	-5.1%
Warrants Cleared	455	498	-8.6%	311	46.3%
Warrants Validated	40	1,955	-98.0%	0	4000.0%
Extradition / Transports	13	11	18.2%	25	-48.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	51	54	-5.6%	54	-5.6%
New Items Submitted	89	105	-15.2%	119	-25.2%
Items Disposed	31	103	-69.9%	64	-51.6%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 90.2% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 3.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 17 Contracts using 320.75 hours, billed in the amount of \$22,278.19

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**


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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
1219	10	161	34	10

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
685	454	56	190	49	141

Community service appearances: (5)

- Gorman HS
- Students against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.)
- Nevada Youth Alliance
- Compass youth programs X2
- Northwest Driving School

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (30)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman's Course
- Clark County Public Relations Specialists luncheon
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- NHTSA teen seat belt conference call
- Special Olympics Flag Football Tourney
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Joining Forces Pedestrian Enforcement 2009 planning mtg
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver's Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- TIM Coalition
- Press Conference to kickoff Joining Forces DUI Enforcement for Labor Day weekend
- North Las Vegas PD Community Safety Fair
- Plan Viva Bike Vegas event with RTC
- Blasting mtg w/ CHP and Cal Trans
- Henderson P.D. National Night out against Crime